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TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

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REMARKS

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1. On 28 August 1952, a troop train of 13 boxcars and 19 flatcars was identified. The train went from Dallgow-Jeberitz to Neustrelitz. (1)

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2. On 30 August, a troop train of 6 boxcars with soldiers and 2 flatcars carrying 5 AA guns and trucks was observed at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station. The train came from Justerbog and went to Jernowchen. (2)

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3. The following troop trains were between 30 August and 7 September:

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| <u>Date</u> | <u>Composition of Troop Trains</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> |
|-------------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | 10 converted boxcars 1 boxcar and 30 flatcars with vehicles and artillery pieces | Ohdruf; 25X1 [redacted] | Meiningen |
| 1 September | 5 converted boxcars 1 boxcar and 7 flatcars with vehicles and artillery pieces | Rossleben; 25X1 [redacted] | Altengrabow |
| 2 September | 9 converted boxcars 1 boxcar and 30 flatcars with vehicles and eight tanks | Altengrabow | Weimar |
| 4 September | 16 converted boxcars 1 boxcar and 42 flatcars with vehicles and four tanks | Eisenach; 25X1 [redacted] | Altengrabow |
| 5 September | 6 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 28 flatcars with vehicles | Donndorf; 25X1 [redacted] | Ohdruf |
| 6 September | 5 converted boxcars 2 boxcars and 18 flatcars with artillery pieces and vehicles | Rossleben; 25X1 [redacted] | Ohdruf |
| | 6 converted boxcars 3 boxcars and 33 flatcars with vehicles and five tanks | Undetermined; [redacted] | Undetermined 25X1 |
| | 17 converted boxcars, 5 boxcars and 21 flatcars with vehicles and two tanks | Emleben; 25X1 [redacted] | Altengrabow |
| 7 September | 1 converted boxcar and 47 flatcars with vehicles | Crawinkel | Fuerstenwalde |
| | 20 flatcars with vehicles | Crawinkel | Koenigswuster- hausen |

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4. On 8 September, [] a train of 20 boxcars with Volks-polizei and 15 flatcars carrying light tanks, motorcycles and eight sedans. The train was dispatched from Berlin-Pankow to Pasewalk. (4)

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5. On 9 September, [] the following trains proceeding toward Stralsund:
 At Prenzlau. One train with rocket launchers, 1 train with infantry, and 1 train with AT guns and mortars.
 At Angermuende. One train with infantry, and 1 train with AA guns of 40-mm and 75-mm.
 At Eberswalde. Two trains with new sedans.

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[] Comments.

(1) The same train, probably carrying a tank unit of the 1st Mecz Div, was observed being loaded at the Doberitz railroad station on 27 August 1952.

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(2) Compare with the information on the train carrying AAA from Jueterbog to Wernuchen

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25X1 (3) The compilation is indicative of the following movements:

To Altengrabow. Elements of the 24th RL Bn (US) of the 20th Gds Mecz Div from Crawinkel on 30 August 1952; elements of the 25th RL Bn (US) of the 21st Gds Mecz Div from Lossa on 1 September 1952; elements of the 94th RL Regt (US) of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from Kindel on 4 September; and elements of the 316th RL Regt (US) of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from Ohrdruf, Camp Petriroda, on 6 September 1952.

To Meiningen. The bulk of the 117th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from Ohrdruf on 31 August 1952.

To Kindel. Elements of the unidentified artillery brigade of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from Lossa on 30 August 1952.

To Ohrdruf. An unidentified unit of the 21st Gds Mecz Div from Lossa on 5 September 1952.

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Hq 21st Gds Mecz Div from Halle until 5 September 1952.
 An unidentified unit of the unidentified artillery brigade of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from Merseburg until 30 August 1952.
 25th Gds RL Bn (US) of the 21st Gds Mecz Div from Halle until 1 September 1952.
 54th Gds Hw Arty Regt of the 21st Gds Mecz Div from Halle until 6 September 1952.
 117th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from Meiningen until 31 August 1952.
 316th RL Regt (US) of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from Saalfeld until 6 September 1952.
 94th RL Regt (US) of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from Leipzig-Schoenau until 4 September 1952.
 68th Gds Mecz Regt of the 21st Gds Mecz Div from Halle until 6 September 1952.

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[] reported from Jena in January 1949 in connection with a shipment to Jueterbog, and probably belongs to an unidentified unit of the 20th Gds Mecz Div. As a troop train carrying the 25th Gds RL Bn (US) of the 21st Mecz Div went from Rossleben to Altengrabow on 1 September 1952, and

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as it is plausible that the rocket launcher battalions of the two divisions hold practices in the same area, it is believed that the troop train [redacted] on 30 August 1952 from Wrawinkel to Altengrabow probably hauled elements of the 24th Gds RL Bn (US) of the 20th Gds Lecz Div. [redacted]

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(4) The information mentioned in paragraph 4 does not indicate whether the train was loaded at Berlin-Pankow or whether it was in transit. Therefore, it could not be determined where the VP troops were loaded. The information on the trains on 9 September 1952 mentioned in paragraph 5, which allegedly went toward Stralsund, does not indicate whether they carried Volkspolizei or units of the Soviet Army.

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